posts—which is not the position. I would like to share with the House the fact that at one particular point where there was encroachment by Pakistan last year, they were driven out and they have not come back.

On the other question there is no doubt that the Siachen area is part of Jammu and Kashmir, which is an integral part of India. It doesn't need reiteration on my part.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will you throw them out?

MR. CHAIRMAN Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

U.S. aid to Pakistan

*45. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the US President Ronald Reagan has signed the Symington and Solarz amendment waivers clearing the 480 million dollar US aid to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir, except that the US assistance package for Pakistan amounts to $ 580 million (approximately) for the financial year ending in September 1980.

(b) The waiver which was signed on January 15, 1988, is valid until April 1900.

Government deeply regret that another waiver has been given to Pakis-tan from United States non-proliferation laws despite mounting evidence of the non-peaceful dimensions of its nuclear programme.

Military course for foreign Military Officers

*46. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 17 military officers from other foreign countries including some from the USSR have recently attended the 28th military course along with Indian officers in the National Defence College here; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for associating foregin military officers in such a way and the possible outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir. There are 17 military officers from friendly foreign countries, including 2 from the USSR, attending the 28th Course at the National Defence College (NDC) in Delhi, which commenced on 4th January, 1988.

(b) Association of military officers from friendly foreign countries in the NDC Course strengthens the links of friendship and cooperation we have with these countries- It also provides an opportunity for interaction among the Military Officers of various countries and sharing of experience which is an essential part of the NDC I Course.